

**2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**DEPARTMENT: Financial Services**

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**REQUEST:** As a follow up to budget question 43, please provide an updated calculation for funds available in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund using the current policy with estimates for the remainder of the year at 5% sales tax growth. Please also provide the sales tax growth percentage to date for FY 15, including expected projections for the remaining three months in FY 15. If projections for the remaining 3 months are estimated at 6% growth in sales tax, what would the total balance and available funding for expenditures be in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund?

**RESPONSE:**

Through the recently received August payment, representing June sales activity, year-to-date sales tax growth is 7.9%. The remaining three months of the year are projected at 5% growth, which results in a net projection of 7.14% sales tax growth for fiscal year 2014-15. Based on this projection, total funds available in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund are projected at \$95,718,740. Given the financial policies requiring that no more than 1/3 of Fund reserves be drawn down in any given year and that total General Fund reserves represent at least 12% of budgeted expenditures, the total amount available for expenditure in fiscal year 2015-16 is now \$31,903,056.

If the remaining three months of sales tax payments were projected to grow by 6% over the prior year, year-end sales tax growth would be 7.39%. Based on this projection, total funds available in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund would be \$96,203,012, of which \$32,064,464 would be available for expenditure, in accordance with financial policies.